

Waiting for the Robert E. Lee

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The musical score is written in G major and 2/4 time. It consists of seven staves of music with lyrics underneath. The chords are indicated above the notes. The melody is simple and characteristic of early 20th-century folk music.

Staff 1: G D+ G D7
Way down on the lev - ee in old Al - a - bam - y, There's dad - dy and mam - my, there's

Staff 2: G G G#7 D7
Eph - raim and Sam - my, On a moon - light night you can find___ them all,

Staff 3: D+ G G+ C
While they are wait - in', the ban - jos are syn - co - pa - tin'. What's that they're say - in'?___

Staff 4: A7 D7 G
What's that they're say - in'?___ While they keep play - in',___ hum - min' and sway - in', It's the

Staff 5: G B7 C G A7 Cm/Eb D7 G
good ship Rob - ert E. Lee___ that's come to car - ry the cot - ton a - way.____

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C

Watch them shuff - lin' a - long,

G7

See them shuff - lin' a - long, Go take your

best gal, real pal, Go

C

down to the lev - ee, I said to the lev - ee, And

C

join that shuff - le - in' throng,

G7

Hear that mu - sic and song. It's simp - ly

great, mate, wait - in' on the lev - ee,

C

Wait - in for the Rob - ert E. Lee.